REMARKS

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.116, this response places the application in form for allowance, and therefore, is a proper response after the pending final office action.

Withdrawn claims 5-7 are canceled in this response. Claim 19 is canceled in this response.

Claims 3, 9-12, 14-17 and 20-21 are amended for consistency with newly amended independent claim 1.

Claims 2, 3, 8-17, and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Consequently, independent claim 1 is amended by the limitations of allowable dependent claim 2, and therefore, independent claim 1 is now in allowable form. Dependent claim 2 is canceled.

Moreover, claims 3-4, 8-17 and 20-21 depend from allowable independent claim 1, and therefore, the dependent claims are allowable for depending from an allowable independent claim.

Furthermore, new independent claim 22 is allowable dependent claim 12 rewritten in independent form as suggested by the Examiner, and therefore, new independent claim 22 is in allowable form.

Still further, new independent claim 23 is allowable dependent claim 17 rewritten in independent form as suggested by the Examiner, and therefore, new independent claim 23 is in allowable form.

This application is now believed to be in immediate condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone interview prior to the issuance of any such subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,

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